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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

SUBJECT : Invitation to Participate in Transportation
Estimates Group ☐

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1. Thank you for the invitation extended in your memorandum of 16 March 1956, subject as above. I fully agree with you as to the importance of establishing an interagency working group to deal with the problem of estimating transportation capabilities, particularly for land transportation. The Chairman of the Economic Intelligence Committee informs me that this problem has long been under consideration by the EIC and that a step of the nature you propose was recommended by the EIC Subcommittee on Transportation in their last annual report. As you know intelligence on inland transportation is identified in DCID 15/1 as an area of common or overlapping inter-agency interest.

2. As you suggested, this invitation has been discussed with the Chief, Technical Branch, ACSI, and I understand that an important function of this interagency group would be to undertake projects submitted by the EIC Subcommittee on Transportation as well as other studies for individual participating agencies. I further understand that the Army would provide administrative support and facilities, and that the Chairman would be provided by ACSI and would also report to the EIC Subcommittee on Transportation. The Subcommittee would review projects prepared by the group on subjects of interagency interest, and upon which it would be desirable to have interagency agreed intelligence.

3. If we are agreed in this general concept, CIA will be very glad to participate in the activities of such an interagency group, and will plan to furnish the equivalent of one analyst's full time. ILLEGIB

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Invitation to Participate in Transportation Estimates Group (U)

1. I am sure you are familiar with past difficulties within the intelligence community in producing acceptable transportation capability estimates.

2. The ad hoc group under the Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC) has recently completed the rail portion of a study required by Weapons Systems Evaluation Group (WSEG), and, in my opinion, has produced the first reliable and usable estimate in this field. The great disadvantage of such a group, however, is the length of time required to produce results.

3. Land transportation is the most significant part of the problem because it is a key factor in land campaigns and requires the greatest amount of collation and analysis of material to obtain reliable answers. Since the Army has primary responsibility for producing intelligence on land transportation, I feel that the Army should carry the load in producing these estimates. I believe also that such estimates can be produced more expeditiously than by an ad hoc group under the EIC.

4. Accordingly, I have established a Transportation Capabilities Estimates Group within my office. The chief is Mr. William Farrell who demonstrated his outstanding ability as chairman of the EIC ad hoc group. It also includes personnel from the Transportation Corps and the Corps of Engineers. Participation is being invited from other Intelligence Advisory Committee agencies as appropriate and desired.

5. I am sure that your agency will desire to participate, particularly when an estimate involves economic aspects of the

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problem. Your participation to the extent of furnishing one analyst either full time or part time is invited. Further details of the activity may be discussed at any time with Chief, Technical Branch, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence.



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